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Letter dated 20 March 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the Lima Appeal adopted by the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean at its sixteenth regular session held in Lima, Peru, on 30 November and 1 December 1999.

I should be grateful if you could have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 74 of the preliminary list.

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Annex

Lima Appeal approved by the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean at its sixteenth regular session

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Resolution CG/Res. 387
The Lima Appeal

The General Conference,

The "Lima Appeal" having been approved by the Member States of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) and the Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, during the XVI Regular Session of the General Conference held in Lima, Peru, on 30 November and 1 December 1999,

Resolves:

To request that the Secretary General of OPANAL execute the corresponding actions in order for the "Lima Appeal" to be distributed as an official document for the Session of the Millennium General Assembly of the United Nations.

The Lima Appeal

The Member States of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), during the XVI Regular Session of the General Conference held in Lima, Peru, from 30 November to 1 December 1999:

Aware:

That Latin America and the Caribbean is the first densely populated region in the world to have consolidated its political will to prohibit nuclear weapons, through full compliance with the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

That Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones represent an important means to reach further, general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

Convinced:

That since the current context offers us the appropriate opportunity to prohibit and eradicate forever nuclear weapons, the international community must begin the third millennium with the commitment to move towards such an objective, following a legitimate aspiration of humankind;

That no effort towards a complete and immediate prohibition of the use or manufacture of nuclear weapons, or towards preventing their proliferation, will have the result sought by the international community, if it is not manifested in the general will of the countries that possess nuclear weapons and those that do not;

Make an appeal to the International Community:

With the purpose of creating an international public awareness in order to advance in every field of action towards a complete prohibition of the use and manufacture of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction; and particularly to the nuclear powers for the adoption of political decisions reflecting their firm commitment to the total destruction and prohibition of such weapons, in accordance with the text and the spirit of resolution 808 (IX) unanimously approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations, and following the concern expressed by the international community that is reflected in resolution 53/77 Y "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda" dated 4 December 1998.

We also appeal to the world community to follow the example of the Treaties of Tlatelolco, Pelindaba, Bangkok and Rarotonga, to join their decisions and political efforts towards the creation of new Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones in other inhabited regions of the planet.